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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR MASS JO US SA
SUBJECT: \$140 MILLION HAWK PAYMENT

REF: AMMAN 2013

1. IN LIGHT OF REFTEL AMBASSADOR RAISED MORNING
APRIL 11 QUESTION OF ABOVE HAWK PAYMENT WITH
JORDAN PRIME MINISTER BADRAN. AMBASSADOR RELATED
HIS CONVERSATION WITH SHARAF AND ASKED IF PM
HAD MADE DECISION ON BEHALF OF GOJ NOT RPT NOT
TO RAISE ISSUE WITH SAUDI ARABIA.
2. PM SAID SITUATION HAD CHANGED. LAST NIGHT HE
RECEIVED LETTER FROM SAUDI CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN
AMMAN RELATING TO PAYMENT. LETTER SAID THAT
SAUDI ARABIA HAD SENT TO JORDAN \$140 MILLION IN
OCTOBER 1976. THIS MONEY WAS FIRST PAYMENT ON
HAWK MISSILE DEAL. SAUDI GOVERNMENT ASKED JORDAN
TO SEND MONEY IMMEDIATELY TO THE U.S.
3. PM BADRAN SAID HE WILL SEND BACK SHORTLY REPLY
TO SAUDI LETTER EXPLAINING JORDANIAN SIDE OF ISSUE. HIS
LETTER WILL INDICATE HE AND KING HAD BOTH REQUESTED BUDGET
SUPPORT FROM SAUDIS IN JULY 1976. CHECK HAD COME IN

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OCTOBER 1976 AND WHILE SLOW, CHECK DID NOT INDICATE
ANY SPECIAL PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS DRAWN.
JORDAN HAD \$210 MILLION DEFICIT IN ITS FY 76 BUDGET.
CHECK WAS DEPOSITED TO COVER THAT DEFICIT AND JORDAN
CANNOT NOW SEND U.S. \$140 MILLION.

4. COMMENT: WHILE THIS PROBLEM IS MOVING WITH

THE EXQUISITE SLOWNESS CUSTOMARY IN MIDDLE EAST
MONEY DEALS, ISSUE IS NOW OUT IN THE OPEN BETWEEN
JORDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA, THANKS TO SAUDI
LEAD IN FINDING OUT WHERE THEIR \$140 MILLION
HAS GONE. WE PRESUME THAT THIS WILL SERVE THE PRESENT U.S.
PURPOSE OF OPENING A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO
PARTIES. WHEN IN AM IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK I
WISH TO DISCUSS WITH DEPARTMENT WHAT STEPS WE
MIGHT TAKE WITH JORDANIANS TO SPEED THE PACE.
I MADE CLEAR AGAIN TO PM THAT JORDAN COULD NOT
EXPECT U.S. TO CONTINUE TO FABRICATE FOR THEM A
MISSILE SYSTEM THE ULTIMATE PAYMENT FOR WHICH REMAINED
IN SERIOUS DOUBT.
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